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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: ESSENTIALLY CHROMIUM-FREE METHOD

FOR PASSIVATING METALLIC SURFACES CONSISTING OF ZN, ZN ALLOYS, AL OR

AL ALLOYS

## AMENDMENT WITH RCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated March 16, 2010, and in consideration of the enclosed Request for Continued Examination, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.